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FOR THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. Korean Patent Publication No. 1995-8844, published August 8, 1995.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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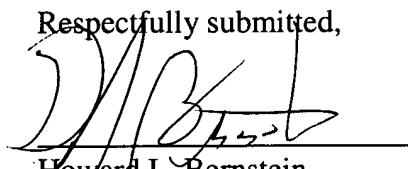
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Korean Office Action dated February 25, 2005, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree for relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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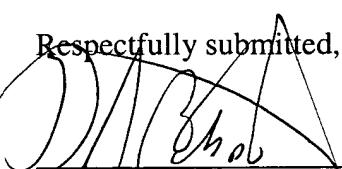
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Patent Claims 39, 40, and 42 through 44 of the Amendment of the Specification, etc. dated December 30, 2004, submitted in response to a decision of rejection dated September 30, 2004, relate to a semiconductor manufacturing device, characterized in that it comprises a stage for placing specimens, a heating unit for heating said specimens, and a cooling unit for cooling said specimens from below. To compare this arrangement to Korean Patent Publication 1995-8844 (hereinafter, the "Cited Invention"), which describes a technical arrangement relating to a stage, a semiconductor board, a heating unit, and a cooling unit, the two are similar in the point of comprising a heating unit for heating and a cooling unit for cooling a specimen or wafer, and are similar also in their effect. Therefore, it is found that Claims 39 and 42 through 44 of the Amendment of the Specification, etc., dated December 30, 2004, of the invention of the present application, could have been easily invented by a person having ordinary knowledge in this field on the basis of the aforementioned Cited Invention.

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